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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF RSO POSITION AND CONSTRUCTION SURVEILLANCE

REF: (A) BERLIN 6230; (B) STATE 196164; (C) STATE 200709;
(D) BERLIN 6117; (E) BONN 13987; (F) BONN 12510; (G) FRANKFURT 5217

1. EMBASSY FULLY SHARES THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN FOR PROPER SECURITY SUPERVISION OF THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WORK NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE FUTURE CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE REF (B). (WHILE THE INSPECTORS DID NOT RECOMMEND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN RSO POSITION IN THEIR FEBRUARY, 1975 INSPECTION OF EMBASSY BERLIN, THIS DOES NOT VITIATE THE CONCEPT.)

2. THE EMBASSY'S PROBLEM AT THIS TIME IS ONE OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT: THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE IN THE CHANCERY; NO FURTHER QUARTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE LEIPZIGERSTRASSE UNTIL SOME TIME NEXT YEAR; THERE IS NO MORE SPACE IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLE THAT TRANSPORTS CHILDREN TO SCHOOLS IN WEST BERLIN. FOR THESE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE EMBASSY IS NOT ABLE TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENT RSO POSITION

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AT THIS TIME. REF (A).

3. WE PROPOSE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES: (A) ASSIGN AN RSO TO THE US MISSION BERLIN, WITH SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE TWO BUILDINGS IN EAST BERLIN INCLUDED IN HIS REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SUPPORT IN WEST BERLIN MUST NECESSARILY BE ADDRESSED BY USBER IF THE DEPARTMENT SEES MERIT IN THIS OPTION); OR (B) ASSUMING THE ADDITIONAL TDY ASSIGNMENT OF SEABEES, MARINES AND/OR OTHER CONSTRUCTION SECURITY PERSONNEL, HAVE SUCH PERSONNEL REPORT TO THE POST SECURITY OFFICER (EMBASSY ADMIN. OFFICER) IN LIEU OF AN RSO. THE ANTICIPATED NUMBERS OF SUCH PERSONNEL, AND WHEN AND WHERE THEY MIGHT BE ASSIGNED IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFS(B), (E) AND (G). EAST BERLIN HOTELS OR WEST BERLIN HOUSING ARE THE ONLY ALTERNATIVES FOR SUCH PERSONNEL.

4. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT AGAIN THAT THE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO THE BUILDING SITES HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED. THE SET OF ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES REFERRED TO IN REF (C) AS HAVING BEEN SENT TO THE EMBASSY IN OCTOBER 1974 HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS POST. WE HAVE CONTACTED USBER AND LEARNED THAT REGISTRY #2870901 WAS NOT SENT TO THEM. WE ARE AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF THE DUPLICATE SET. THE LINE TAKEN BY EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES SO FAR IS THAT THE BUILDINGS ARE THEIRS; THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO RENOVATE THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH USG WISHES; AND US ACCESS, UNTIL WE TAKE POSSESSION OF THESE BUILDINGS, IS BY PRIOR APPOINTMENT.

5. ARRANGEMENT FOR ACCESS WILL REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH GDR AUTHORITIES, AND WE TRUST THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES WILL CLARIFY THEIR OBLIGATIONS. ALONG WITH ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS, HOWEVER, THERE IS ALSO THE NEED TO SECURE GDR APPROVAL FOR A 24-HOUR US SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM, A CONCEPT THEY MAY FIND NEW (REF E). THESE MATTERS MUST BE FAVORABLY RESOLVED BEFORE THE ASSIGNMENT OF SURVEILLANCE PERSONNEL, IN ORDER TO PERMIT SUCH PERSONNEL TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION.

6. THE EMBASSY, FINALLY, WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION
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OF PARA 2 OF REF (C) WHICH REQUESTS THAT IT "FOLLOW PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION AND PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE PROGRESS REPORTS." PARA 3 OF REF (D) POINTED OUT THAT THE EMBASSY HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE MONITORING OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, AND REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED, AND THEY SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FUNCTIONS OF THEIR PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN FOLLOWING

THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.
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